

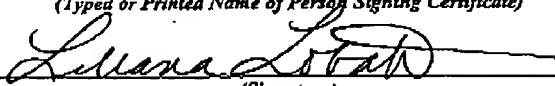
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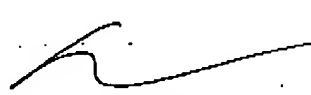
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| Applicant(s): Morioka et al.   |                                 |                              |  |
| Application No.<br>10/517,244  | Filing Date<br>December 7, 2004 | Examiner<br>Colleen P. Cooke | Group Art Unit<br>1754                 |
| Invention: <b>HYDROGEN OCCLUDING MATERIAL AND METHOD FOR USE THEREOF</b>   |                                 |                              |  |
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| <b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>  |   |                                     |  |                                 |                                 |
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.